



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, PLANNING DIVISION

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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 19, 2005

PRESENT: Fruit, Kennett, Martin, Pyle

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

STAFF: Associate Planner Tolentino, Program Administrator Tony Eulo

REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Fruit called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Associate Planner Tolentino certified that the meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Fruit opened/closed the public comment period. No public comments were received.

MINUTES:

May 5, 2005

BOARD MEMBERS KENNETT/MARTIN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 4-0 AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: FRUIT, KENNETT, MARTIN, PYLE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **CONSIDERATION OF WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING ORDINANCE:** A request for Board review and comment on a proposed Water Efficient Landscape Improvement Ordinance.

THE BOARD OFFERED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

- Focus on improving irrigation efficiency more than plant selection.
- Subsurface irrigation is best.
- Ban overhead spray irrigation for planter beds Or at least strongly discourage.
- Provide incentives such as: Allow higher percentage of turf on a property if subsurface irrigation used, lower water rates for those that comply, raise upper tier rates for residential use.
- Look at using meters that can cap water use automatically.
- Irrigation piping installations should be done in compliance with plumbing code.
- Limit use of groundcovers that don't spread well and need more water.
- Take pools/ponds out of turf calculation and include hardscapes (except driveway) in total area of landscaping.
- Allow a minimum of 500 square feet of turf.
- Be sure ordinance addresses developer-installed landscaping.
- Eliminate single-family from the permitting system regardless of lot size.
- Have local workshops on landscape design.
- Finding enough landscape architects to do these plans will be a challenge.

2. **VACATION MEETING SCHEDULE:** A request for Board consideration of an August vacation schedule.

By consensus the Board agreed to an August 18 vacation date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Fruit adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

TERRY LINDER
Meeting Coordinator